

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 2, please amend the specification as follows:

This application is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/016,266, now U.S. Patent No. 6,613,044, filed 10/30/01 by Allen Carl for SELECTIVE DELIVERY OF CRYOGENIC ENERGY TO INTERVERTEBRAL DISC TISSUE AND RELATED METHODS OF INTRADISCAL HYPOTHERMIA THERAPY.

This application claims benefit to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/243,702 filed October 30, 2000, the entire teachings of this application being incorporated herein by reference.